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INVENTION: LOAD DISTRIBUTION METHOD OF A MULTIPROCESSOR SYSTEM, AND MULTIPROCESSING SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
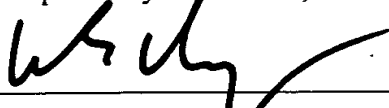Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Document AL, European 0 645 702 A1 relates to a load balancing in a multiprocessor system of a communications exchange which has group processors assigning overload condition priorities to control distribution of loading to other processors.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is distinguishable and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination.

Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AT	Dynamic load balancing using task-transfer probabilities – Evans et al. pages 897-916
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